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says is an adequate summary. I think the whole thing should be rejected, not only on theoretical, but elso on practical grounds.

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DELEGATE JAMES: Delegate Byrnes.

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DELEGATE BYRNES: I would like to yield three minutes to Delegate Hutchinson.

DELEGATE HUTCHINSON: Mr. Chairman, if the

Also the initiative has never been a substitute

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8 people of this convention and people of the State of

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Maryland believe at all in the popular sovereignty,

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it seems to me we should include within the constitution

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a proposal for initiative. It seems to me we must speak

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in favor of public involvement and the initiative would

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encourage public involvement. If this is what we are

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looking for, then initiative is the answer.

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for legislation. Instead it is a complement to it.

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It is not to restrict the legislature from acting, it

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only says we want you to act in this way. We hope you

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do it. If you do not, we will move on and take care of

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it ourselves. This is all the initiative does. It

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does give the legislature the opportunity to act on a